THE BENNINGTON EVENING BANNER

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BENNINGTON, VT., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1914

PRICE ONE CENT

It Has Taken Some Employers of Labor a Long Time to Learn That The Creation of Paupers Eventually Brings About a Decrease in Assets

POR SALE -I had the best crop of potators I saw last year. Parties wishing to get cholos come to eat or plant will or andress me at H. P. D I. Hagie Bridge, N. Y. Live near Battle Field. F P. Surdam.

FOR SALE-Cheap, 183 feet of white picket fence, almost new, J. H. Wilbur, So. Shaftabury tests

L'OR SALE—Pianos & Organs, riosing out mie. A number of fine barratos in pianos to select from. Prices ranging from \$50 to \$415. A good assortment of parier Organs on batch Prices S. \$10, \$12,\$10, and \$21, Will be sold on easy terms. Call at once sud see them. Cluste & Sons' The one price pano house, No. Ass. Main St. Bennington, Vt.

POR SALE—A Genuine Farm Bargain. Thi
150 acre vars \$\frac{1}{2}\) miles from Benuington
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acres spring, antered casture. 100 acres wood
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best water in town, piped to buildings, \$\frac{1}{2}\) none; will inc ude, for quick sale, \$\frac{1}{2}\) app pass, \$\frac{1}{2}\)0 buckets, \$\frac{1}{2}\)
good house, \$\frac{1}{2}\) cows \$2\) yearings, \$1\) wo year
old, \$\frac{1}{2}\) heavy double wagons, \$1\) two senied spring
wagon, \$1\) income select to carriage \$\frac{1}{2}\) and year
machines, \$1\) reaper, \$2\) house rake, \$2\) spring tooth
harrows, \$1\) duck barrow, \$1\) roller, \$2\) pows, \$2\) cultivators, and all small farm tools. Cush price
\$5250\, or might exchange for house or locone
property in Bennington. Nash a Huta hine. 53250, or might exchange for boose or locon property in Bennington. Nash & Hutchins.

FOR SALE-One Model M Ford runabout, in good runing order, price \$ 100. Hennington Garage.

FOR SALE-8 good young cows, a quantity of seed even and a few bu-bels of early seed potatoes. Martin H. Coulser, North Headington, Vt. 6716*

FOR SALE-A grand business opportunity in a booming to en. Must sell terug as d Cigar business located on the best corner to the business section. Long lesse and reasonable rent. Must use the hospital treatments at one e. Write "Drugs" 178 College St., Burdington vt. 66.6*

PORSALE My med rn two family house etc. apply of the premises of address the pwn er, Philip Plourde, 233 D. wey Street., Bening ton, Vt. 65t5*

FOR SALE-Pool table and outfit almost new. D. F. Cronin, American House. 64tf

LOR SALE—A young horse by St. Claire, fine roadster, very fast, fearless of everything. D. P. Cronin, American House 641f

POR SALE—100 borses at auction at 10 a.m., Wednesdry, April 22 - 10 pair far n chanks, 2000 to 2800; 10 par draft house, 2000 to 2800; 10 par draft house, 2000 to 2800; Roans, bays, browns, blacks and arcess. A lot of single horses 1'60 to 1800. They are all young and sound, sill first class and as good as young and sound, sill first class and as good as young and sound, sill first class and as good as young and sound, sill first class and as good as young and sound, sill first class and as good as young and sound, sill first class and as good as young and sound, sill first class and as good as young and sound, sill first class and as good as young and sound, sill first class and as good as young and sound, sill first class and as good as young and sound, sill first class and as good as young and sound, sill first class and as good as young and sound, sill first class and as good as young and sound, sill first class and as good as young and sound, sill first class and as good as young and sound, sill first class and as good as young and sound, sill first class and as good as young and sound, sill first class and areys. A lot of sill for the participation of the particip

FOR SALE-Can spare a few settings fr m my single comb white orpington pen-at \$1 for 13. J. H. Livingston 621 Main St. 614f

POR SALE-Modern Pouse, steem heat, electric light and gas. H. N. Williams Wiff FOR SALE-106 pushels of clean 6 row arley
1 Holstein cow 5 years old, due to freeben
May 1st, good size and right, also 5 pigs. J
H.Peters, shaftsbury, Tel 163-15

POR SALE Four young heres well by he double and single. The e horses are a und and perfectly gentle and weigh from 1,000 to 1500 tos. G. S. Merwarth, Howick Falls, N. Y. R. F. D. 3 Tel. 94 F 14

FOR SALE- Modern 8 room house, slated roof, bath, toilet, hot and cold water, this property is centrally located and is in the best of repair. Price \$3,000 Nash and But hims.

FOR SALE-Small place 2 miles out, 12 abre and not five room house, 8 ben house, and good shed. Price 85c5. Nash and stut-bins.

FOR SALE-One Cyphers Incubator 200
Eggs: One Cyphers Incubator, 1.9 Eggs;
One Cyphers Outdoor Brooder, B; One Cyphers Outdoor Brooder, B; One Cyphers Outdoo brooder Acove will te sold at a sacridee for cash. Edward Curan, S, Shafts bury, Tel. 181-3.

FOR SALE-We have some exception good lots on Gare Street Extension, I I Town voted at the last Town meeting to op and extend this street, prices right. Nash a

FOR SALE OF TO RENT—on easy terms— The North Bennington Hotel property, opposite depot. Inquire of John J. Kenney, North Bennington.

ROR SALE Custom hatching with Candee incubator automatic, reliable. Tray of 75 eggs \$2.25. Also eggs for intching. Pen No. 1—headed by "Transmitter"—the O. F. Mittendorf strain, the world's greatest bred-to-lay Barred Plymouth itocks, \$1.00 per 18 eggs; pen No. 2, \$1.25 per 15 eggs; pen No. 4, R. C. Beds, \$1.00 per 13 eggs, Day old chicks for sale by order. Also accuts for Automatic Sanitary tray Neets. Half payment down with all orders. Phone 405-M. Win. Allard, 129 Branch 4L. Bennington, Vt. 8tf

WANTED Local Agents santed in every Vermont town, for New Era Check Protector and Check Writer—two fast selling of nee devices with good profit for the local agent. For particulars write, James S. Re. w. nell, Woodstock, Vt.

WANTED A bright young man or weman to represent us and fake orders, to give whole or paretime. Write for exclusive teritory, Big income. International Cit Co., Boston, Mass. WANTED-Girl for general housework, App y, Miss Lulu Robinson, 11 Walloom-sac St., Old Bennington. 6746

WANTED-Job on farm or any outside work by competent young man. Good milker. Sober and reliable. Address, E. B., Bauser office.

WANTED-Stock to payture by the week or teason. Prices rea-onable Inquire Guy W. Morse, No. Branch St. Tel. 156-2. 55125*

WANTED-Fresh eges in any quantity
We pay the best prices for farm produce. Send incour interesting booklet. George
A. Grounds Co. Pittaneld, Mass. 40tf

WANTED-To hire a tenement of 5 to 8 rooms, in or near Bennington, best of references furnished, Address B. Littleheld, Banner Office.

LOW PRICED ADVERTISING COMBINED FLEETS OF ADMIRALS PRESIDENT GIVEN FLETCHER AND BADGER SHELLED CITY OF VERA CRUZ

Three Thousand Marines Land and Take Posses- Long Debate in Senate Ends at Selections For Coming Year sion of the City Hall

DRIVES THE SHARPSHOOTERS FROM THE ROOFS OF HOUSES LODGE RESOLUTION LOST PATRICK BRAZIL IS CHEF

Two American Marines Wounded in Street Fighting -Shots from the Prarie and Chelsea Knock Down Buildings-Officials Take to the Hills

Admiral Badger arrived with five

warships at Vera Cruz soon after

received orders to repair to Tampico.

the fleet will be directed by the com-

tonight is in the hands of forces

from the United States warships,

ada at 9 o'clock in the morning. The

commandant of Vera Cruz, by tele

phone and presented the demands,

saying the United States forces were

about to occupy and hold the town.

He called upon him to surrender in

the name of humanity and assist the

Americans in restoring order, Gen.

ed the consul for a personal parley.

he had no instructions to grant a

The consul informed Gen. Mass that

He then called the jefe politico

phone and informed them of the pros

pective landing and asked for their

quested time in order to attend to

certain duties and neither could

Rear-Admiral Fletcher, aboard the

in communication with Admiral Bad-

ger, commander-in-chief of the At-

lantic fleet, who was speeding tow-

ard this port with five warships. Ad-

and bluecoats and marines began

leaving the side of the transport

Prairie shortly before II o'clock.

They entered 10 whaleboats and ef-

fected a landing within half an hour

at the customs house and No. 4 pier.

which extends almost from the cen-

battleship Florida, who was in com-

mand of the operations ashore,

brought his flag in. Capt. Rushs's

men had already taken up their posi-

tions. They numbered 150 blue-

jackets from the Florida, 300 ma-

tines fro mthe Prairie and 65 ma-

were augmented by a detachment

The coming of the American force

es was not heralded by any great

excitement, but small crowds gather-

ed to watch the landing. Soon the

bluejackets and marines marched

through the streets leading from the

waterfront and along the railroad

yards. Others proceeded to the

American consulate, while still oth-

ers were deployed along the approa-

ches to Central plaza, in which Gen.

These maneuvers were effected

a moment. There was a lull for 10

minutes and then another brief ex-

change from the west end of Mon-

tesinos street, where a federal out-

At 12,30 the firing became general,

Prior to this a detachment of blue-

jackets from the Utah, holding the

ground between the consulate and

the waterfront, opened with two of

their three-inch guns. The first

was occupied by Mexican sharp

shooters. Lieut-Comdr Buchanan of

the Florida crdered that it be de-

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Benito Juartez tower down.

and at 1 o'clock the guns of the

transport Prairie went into action.

post was stationed,

Maas had concentrated his men.

from the Utah.

promise any assistance.

mander in chief.

American lives.

Vera Cruz, Mex., April 22.-The | big guns were not called into ser combined fleets of Admirals Fletcher and Badger shelled the city of Vera Cruz today. The shots from the American war vessels were directed against the buildings in which Mexican snipers had hidden for the purpose of picking off American marines. The houses soon began to tumble about the ears of the sharp-

The rapid fire 5-inch guns of the Prairie and Chester took a prominent part in the engagement.

Under the fire from the fleet a and began fighting its way into the center of the city. Machine guns were used to sweep the streets and the marines soon fought their way to the city hall. The officials fled Maas replied that compliance with before the American's reached the the demand was impeasible and askbuilding.

The main force of Mexicans defending the city was stationed in parley, and ended the conversation. the naval academy and the arsenal and its principally against these and the customs collector by telebuildings that the fire from the warships in the harbor was directed. co-operation in the maintenance of Two American marines were wound- peace. The customs collector reed by shots from the naval academy.

Washington, April 22,-1.40 p. m .-A dispatch received here states that of Vera Cruz. The only opposition

The flag of the United States now fies over the city of Vera Cruz in Mexico, the nearest seaport to Huerta's capital. But the occupation of the city was not uncontested by the Huerta forces. Four members of the landing party from the United ter of the shore line late the port States warships were killed and 20 and terminal works. A few minutes were wounded, while according to later Capt. William R. Russ of the unofficial reports the Mexican losses

A member of Congress who had occasion to seek information at the Navy Department late in the evening is authority for the statement that the marines and blue jackets may advance on Mexico City from Vera Cruz, which has direct railroad communication with Mexico City.

Admiral Fletcher has notified Gen. Maas, Mexican commander in Vera Cruz, that If attacks on the United States forces occupying the city are resumed, the great guns of the battleships will be turned on the attacking force. In yesterday's fighting the United States force only fired after having been fired on and the

TO RENT

To RENT Furnished house for the summer with all mode n conveniences, at old Ben-sington. Apply Miss Lulu Robinson, 11 Wal-comsan S.

TO RENT-From May 1st. a store in the Brewster building on North St., now occupied by MoMahon & Heasy. Also store of Pleasant St., now occupied by George W. Wilbiams. Apply to Charles N. Powers, Savings Bank Building.

TO RENT-Store on West Main street next to Winslow's store. Apply to P. B. dardner. Tel. 327-M.

TO RENT-Desirable tenements, furnished apartments and single rooms, offices, stores, stables & etc., individual storage lockers state of Wm. E. Hawks, Inc., 205 North St.

To RENT-Large pleasant room with priv ilege of back. Apply 128 Scott St. 6041

Lost -Tuursday between 3/7 P easant Street and the 'raded School wilding, as litary ring in Tiffany setting. Finder please of arm to Banner Office for reward.

WANTED-Teachers wasted, ya nacies for spring and tall in Vermont and other states. Good maintees. Hathaway leacher's Agency. Phone 226-W medicine. Get a bottle of Baxter's Mandrake Bitters today. Sold everywhere, liquid or tablets, 25 cents.

FREE HAND TO DOWN HUERTA

3:30 This Morning

Final Vote Was 72 to 13-House Officers Must Report All Fees Receiv Roll Call

Washington, April 22.-Congress has given President Wilson full authority in dealing with the situation the occupation of the port, but later effect has been passed by both housfrom which point the operations of

At 3.30 this morning the resolution passed the senate by a vote of 73 to Vera Cruz, April 21.-Vera Cruz. 13 and then went through the house by a viva voce vote.

but the occupation of the port was Washington, April 22.-The Sennot accomplished without loss of ate at 2:40 by a vote of 47 to 35, rejected the substitute Mexican resolu-The demand for the surrender for tion proposed by Senator Lodge. It Vera Cruz was made by Rear-Admiral would have based the "justification" Fletcher through Consul W. W. Canof the use of force in Mexico upon the general conditions there instead consul called Gen. Gustavo Maas, of upon the Tampico incident alone.

Washington, April 21.-Determined upon the passage of the administration Mexican recolution before morning, the Senate at midnight was in the midst of a grave and impassioned debate. Ultimate passage the resolution as reported by the foreign relations committee was generally conceded. The House had recessed until 10 o'clock in the morning to await the Senate action.

Meaner reports of the engagement at Vera Cruz had filtered to the capital when the Senate resumed its session at 8 o'clock. The four Americans dead in Vera Cruz, the twenty wounded and the 200 Mexicans reported killed in the taking of the ity became the text of the talk, men tioned in hushed voices and greeted with a solemn silence throughout the Senate chamber, packed to suffocaflagship Florida, by this time was

The Republican side of the Senate, led by Senator Root, demanded that the "justification" proposed in the miral Fletcher decided to take action resolution for a movement in force the Tampico incident, but on the long series of outrages against Amer ican citizens and their property, in-Mexico, where the Constitutionalists are in control.

Senators Reed and James vigorous ly defended the committee resolution, declaring that the insult of the flag at Tampico justified all that the resolution provided for.

Senator Fall made a lengthy plea for a campaign that would cover the length and breadth of Mexico. An effort to fix a vote for 1 o'clock

vas unsuccessful, made shortly after 11 by Senator Kern, Senator Brisrines from the Florida. Later these tow of Kansas, however, objected, saying that two or three senators wished to speak on the resolution. There were then pending notifica-

> tions from numerous senators that they wished to speak. "It's anybody's guess what hour, said one senator, "but the vote will be reached during the night, probab-

WILL ASK FOR PASSPORTS

Diplomatic Relations With Mexico Likely to Be Broken Off

without opposition, but suddenly Washington, April Gen. Maas challenged the advance there is a radical change in the Mexwith the first shots-a volley fired ican situation within the next 48 from a point three blocks from the hours Senor Algaras, the Mexican marines and two blocks south of the charge here will ask for his passmain plaza. The marines replied immediately, but the action ceased in

Such action would necessitate the closing of the American consulate at Mexico. While not necessarily a declaration of war it would mean the complete severing of diplomatic re-

ASKS FOR APPROPRIATION

President Wants \$500,000 to Take Americans Out of Mexico

Washington, April 22.-The president sent a special message to congress today asking for an appropriashots from these pieces were directtion of \$500,000 to assist American ed against an ancient tower, which refugees in leaving Mexico. once served as a light house. This !

WEATHER FORECAST

stroyed. Five shots brought the old The postoffice, government tele-

CHANGE PRESENT POLICE FORCE

Made Last Night

ed for Arrests in Criminal Cases

The village trustees held an adjourned meeting last evening. Prest dent Hollister occupied the chair and in Mexico. The resolution to that Trustees Nash, North, Ritchie. Mc | plication of diseases. Gurn. Burt and Gunsnannon were attendance.

last year.

company for a permit to connect the basement of the company's building on Gage street with the sanitary ams. sewer to carry away seepage water was left to the sewer committee.

should be made in this department. In this contention he was supported end came this morning. by Trustee Ritchie who believed that the village should have police protection during the day as well as the other trustees and the following policemen were elected: Patrick Brazell, Richard Hurley, A. J. Grif-

The following resolution was then and adopted: "Resolved, That each in North Adams. and every police officer of the village, either regular or special, shall, not less than three days previous to each regular meeting by the board, ment of all arrests made by him since his previous statement, showing the disposition of each case and said officer for each arrest. And that the chief of police shall personally his own statement of arrests made cluding the outrages in northern by him containing the same information, to the board at each regular Brooks many more happy birthdays. meeting. Said statement shall also show all fees received by said officer or due him on account of assistance to any other officers or due him on account of assistance rendered any other officer in the service of criminal warrants, whether in or out

of the village limits." Three applications for building permits were received from the William E. Hawks estate, one for an high school. "The Romancers" is a extension of the Powers laundry building, one for the erection of farmers' sheds in the rear of West Main street and another for a tene ment on River street, and repairs upon the Rosier store on Main street. Upon recommendation of the chairman of the fire committee, the first two permits were granted. The third was referred back for plans and specifications.

The sewer committee was instructed to purchase material for the proposed extention of the sewer outlet and to secure from the Holden Realty company the necessary deed cach. On Wednesday evening, April or right of way to carry out the

ed in the investigation of the title to the land in the rear of the Stark | flectescope will be purchased for use village is endeavoring to purchase entertainment will begin premptly discussion the matter was referred and at 1.45 Friday afternoon. ation attorney.

A proposal for the construction of cement sidewalks was submitted to the board through the corporation attorney by the firm of Lambert & Burrington. The sidewalk committee and the corporation attorney were instructed to draw up a contract which should be submitted to the trustees for approval.

It was voted that the first side walk be constructed on South and Union streets and that the next work be on Depot street.

The corporation attorney called the attention of the trustees to the conditions existing on School street Vermont partly cloudy tonight, cold- as the result of the caving in of the er north west portion. Thursday surface of the street over the power trunk. So far as the corporation at-

torney could learn the William E. Hawks estate owned and is responsible for the maintainance of "the trunk at that point. A resolution was adopted authorizing the clerk to direct the William E. Hawks Estate to repair the trunk at once, giving authority to open the street. And further that the William E. Hawks Estate, after making the repairs, leave the surface of the street in its original condition before the acci-

All Night Pumping Force at Y. The board decided to take no action toward the purchase of oil at the present time for use on the streets and upon the suggestion of the chairman of the street commitfee voted to adopt water sprinkling ALLEY: PRUBABLY RUNED to care for the dust during the present sesson.

GARDNER H. HAFF

Died This Morning at the Home of Parento

Gardner H. Haff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Haff, died about 4 o'clock this merning at the home of his parents. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Haff, at Old Benningion. Death was due to a com-

The young man was a native of present. Clerk Hogan and Corpora- Pownal where he was born Septem- sandbags at the gates where the tion Attorney E. C. Bennett were in her 27, 1885. With his parents he stream is tapped above the plant of moved to Bennington about 15 years It was voted that the rates for li- ago and the town had since been his censes be the same as prevailed home. He completed his education at the Bliss business college and for ferencon opening the street for the The application of the E Z Waist the past seven years had been em. purpose of clearing the obstruction ployed in the cost department of the in the trunk. Winsor Print Works at North Ad-

Early in the winter he became ill of the grip and as his condition did The police situation was discussed not improve he was brought to heavy rains of Sunday raised the at length. Trustee North was of home at Old Bennington early in the opinion that a radical change January. Here he developed a weak heart and gradually failed until the was in a dangerous condition. The

He was a likeable, industrious young man who had a large circle of force to consist of a chief and one news of his death will come with patrolman who should divide the 24 sincere regret. His parents, widow hours of the day so that there would and an only brother, Allen Haff of down Many alreet dering be continuous service. His plan did Pittsfield, have the heartfelt sym: noon and night. not appear to meet with the views of pathy of the community in their It was apparent that the trouble bereavement.

morning at 11 o'clock and the burial wa or in the streets was the cause fin and William E. Sears. Patrick will be in the Oak Hill cemetery in of considerable inconvenience but Brazell was elected chief of the Pownal, Rev. W. F. Meyer, pastor of the Baptist church, will officiate, cellars in the Immediate neighbor-He was a member of the Bap ist bood due to the seepage through the introduced by the police committee church and of the Odd Fellow lodge soil and the backing up of the trunk.

Miss Lyda Brooks surprised last evening by 30 of her several days ago but yesterday there friends who came to celebrate with was so much of it that it became her, her 17th birthday. Miss Brooks was remembered by her friends with served and games were played until keep the water from the bowling althe amount of fees paid to or due a late hour. Piano selections were given by Miss Brooks and Gideon ed but it is probable that enough Lacross, vocal selections by present said statements together with liam Enright and William Brooks, to ruen the expensive equipment. All present enjoyed themselves immensly and left in wishing Mins

THE ROMANCERS

Rostrand's Play to Be Given by High

Friday and Saturday evenings of ers," which will be preceded by a con | marning by Clerk H tata given by the singing class of the the scene being laid in France. Much time has been spent in preparation for both the contain and the play and it is hoped that the people of Bennington who are interested in Mr. Lyons with a force of men workthe schools will show their apprecia- ed during the entire forenoon on the

The play will also be given on Friday afternoon for the pupils of the grades, an admission of ten cents Friday and Saturday evening will be on sale at the door, twenty-five cents 29th, the play will be given in Shaftsbury for the benefit of their ceeds obtained from the play a re-

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR BALL

To Be Held at Foresters Hall This Evening

hall this evening. This occasion tion, promises to be the most brilliant social affair of the season. The Sir. Knights have spared no expense in decorating the hall. A very beauti-Masons are invited to be present.

M. C. A. Bui'ding

Street Opened This Forenoon and Flow of Water Partially Checked at Inlake

During the forenoon which had been pouring from the break in the power trunk on School street since yesterday afternoon, was partially controlled by the new of the Bennington Machine works, Work was also begun during the

Some time ago the trunk on the east side of the street caved in and about half of the highway has been closed for about two weeks. The water in the river and it became evident that the other half of the street entire street was then closed to traf-

Yesterday afternoon a large volfriends in Bennington and in the ume of water came through the open after dark. Mr. North favored a city of his employment to whom the ing and flooded the streets so that it

> was caused by a further caving in The funeral will be held Saturday and construction of the trunk. The the worst feature was the filling of

The most damage has been creatof the Y. M. C. A. building. Water appeared there necessary to use a pump. Men and boys worked at the pump all the afternoon and all night in an effort to leys. To some extent they succeed-Wil- mois ure has scaked into the wood

> There is several inches of water in the basement of the Masonic temple and between two and three not under the building occupied by the Twin State Gas and Electric company. The same amount was present this morning in the cellar of the bock owned by C. A. Wood and Conrad Schwartz.

The notice from the village trushis week there will be given at the stees to the William E. Hawks es ate High School, a play, "The Romanc- to repair the trunk was persed this

At noon today the flow of water play written by Edmund Rostrand, through the trunk had been material ly lessened so that there was no more water in the gutters.

The stoppage was not accomplished without considerable difficulty. tion of this work by attending the en gales and the raceway at the Bennington Machine Works. The gates were securely shut down but the water continued to back through the raceway from the river. The racebeing charged. Tickets for both way was finally blocked by using nearly 200 bags of same

Wild Rumor Here This Afternoon improvement fund. With the pro- that Battleship Had Been Blown Up There was a rumor on the street this afternoon that the battleship hose company building which the in the Bennington High school. The Dakota had been blown up. The from C. P. Oatman and after some at eight o'clock on both evenings the United Press in Albany and was informed that nothing of the kind had been reported there.

The rumor is reported to have been taken from the telegraph wire by a dispatcher in Chatham.

Such rumors were common during Taft commandery No. 8 K. T. will the Spanish-American war and were hold their annual ball at Foresters | usually proved to be without founda-

FLOTILLA OF DESTROYERS

ful effect has been secured by plac- fictilla of 14 torpedo boat destroyers. ing a pergola effect at the north end under escort of the scout cruiser and the emblem outlined in electric Birmingham and the tender Dixle, lights is one of the most beautiful sailed yesterday for Vera Cruz. The effects ever seen in this town. At destroyers in the squadron were the the south end a sunset canvas Heeley, Drayton, McCall, Warringloaned by Mr. Walker. At eight o'- ton, Paulding, Ammen; Burrows, Patclock all visiting Sir. Knights and terson, Trippe, Fanning, Beale, Jar-